statutory certificates to the Ports. Random inspection of vessels in Ports is carried out by DG (Shipping) and any vessel found deficient is not permitted to sail out until deficiencies are rectified. Claims pertaining to the oil spills and leakages in high seas are made by the Coast Guard through DG (Shipping) combating pollution on high seas. In 1992, a claim of Rs. 20.38 crores has been filed against the ship owner of M.T. Maersk Navigator.

Protection of Peacock

1533. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action Plan has been made to protect the peacock, a species facing gradual extinction due to mystery diseases and highly concentrated pesticides; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). No specific action plan has been drawn for the peacock, as it is widely distributed in the country and is not facing extinction. Peacock is afforded full protection from hunting and commercial exploitation under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. It is also our National bird.

Godowns in Kerala

1534. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the locations of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation Godowns in Kerala along with their storage capacity;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct new godowns in the State;

(c) if so, the location and storage capacity thereof; and

(d) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The locations and storage capacity of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation godowns are given in the attached Statement-I and II respectively.

(b) and (c). CWC has no proposal to construct new godowns at present.

There are tentative proposals for construction of godowns by FCI in Kerala subject to availability of funds and land at the following places :

	Places	Capacity
1.	Arakulam (Idukki Distt.)	5000 MT
2.	Meenangadi (Wynad Distt.)	5000 MT
3.	Payyanur (Kannur Distt.)	25000 MT
4.	Thirunavayya (Malapuram Distt.)	25000 MT
5.	Mararikulam (Alapuzha Distt.)	10000 MT

(d) Land has already been acquired for the projects at Meenangadi and Payyanur while land acquisition process is on in respect of the projects at Mararikulam, Thirunavayya and Arakulam.

STATEMENT-I

Distt.-wise/Centre-wise Storage Capacity Available with the FCI in Kerala as on 1-10-1996.

(Fig. in '000' tonnes)

Name of the District	Name of the Centre	Capacity		
		Owned.	Hired.	Total
1	2	3	4	5
Alleppy	Alleppy	10.00	3.20	13.20
Mavelikara	Mavalikara	20.00	-	20.0
Calicut	Thiknodi.	45.00	-	45.00
	West Hill Calicut	36.48	-	36.48
Malapuram	Kuttipuram	5.00	-	5.00
Ernakulam	Willingdon Island	60.30	-	60.30
	Tripunithura	-	0.22	0.22
	Angamali	40.00	-	40.00
	Ernakulam	-	1.97	1.97
Kottayam	Chingavanam	15.64	-	15.64
	Pampady	-	0.40	0.40
Cannanore	Muzhzppilangad.	12.56	-	12.56

1	2	3	4	5
Kasargod	Nileshwar	10.00	-	10.00
Palaghat	Angadipuram	10.00	-	10.00
	Okavakkot (Palaghat)	72.02	-	72.02
Quilon	Avaneswaram	10.00	-	10.00
	Karungapally	30.00	-	30.00
	Kilikollur	5.00	-	5.00
	Quilon	1318	8.91	22.09
Trichur	Chalakudy	10.00	-	10.00
	Mulakunnathukavu	50.24	-	50.24
Trivandrum	Chalai	-	1.49	1.49
	Kazhakuttam	35.34	-	35.34
	Vailathura (TVM)	33.76	-	33.76
	Total	524.52	16.19	540.91

STATEMENT-II

Details of the Centres/Godowns of Central Warehousing Corporation in Kerala Alongwith their Capacity

S.No.	Name of Centre	Capacity in MT
1.	Kozikode	12,254
2.	Cochin-I	12,250
3.	Cochin-II	5,030
4.	Trichur	27,301
5.	Ernakulam	13,375
		70,210

Declaration of Assets by Ministers

1535. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to direct all the ministers to declare their assets;

(b) if so, whether there is any time bound programme for the said declaration; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). Even though there is a Code of Conduct for Ministers which envisages declaration of assets and liabilities by them, a proposal for bringing about a legislation in this regard is being examined separately. However, as the legislation be specified for its finalisation.

Tiger Cell

1536. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tiger Cell has made recommendations to the Government for a special unit within the Intelligence Bureau to collect data on poachers and their movements as well as the export of tiger bones and skins;

(b) if so, the details of other recommendations made by the cell; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Tiger Crisis Cell of the Ministry in its meeting held on 31.10.1996 has made a recommendation to this effect.

(b) and (c). The other main recommendations made by the Cell are :

(i) Adequately strengthening of the Project Tiger Directorate of the Ministry;

(ii) Visit of a team of officials/Cell to five Project Tiger areas which are most prone to the law and order situation; and

(iii) Hon'ble Prime Minister to be acquainted with the tiger crisis in the country, suggesting him to take urgent remedial measures at his level.

Government has noted the recommendations of T.C. Cell and has made provisions in the IX plan proposal submitted to Planning Commission to address the issues.

A note to P.M.O. has also been submitted apprising him about the status of Tiger in India.

Disposal of Medical Waste

1537. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated new standards/guidelines for the disposal of medical waste;

(b) if so, the details thereof;